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Response Under 37 CFR §1.116

REMARKS

This Response After Final Rejection is believed clearly to place this application in condition for allowance and its entry is therefore believed proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

Claims 63-64, 69-71, 76, and 77 were rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Funke (US 4,987,897) in view of Taylor (US 5,416,626), and Claims 65-68 and 74-74 were rejected further in view of Skagerlund (US 5,099,246). These rejections are respectfully traversed. However, in order to expedite prosecution of the subject application, these claims have been cancelled.

Allowable claims 78 and 79 have been amended to address the issue of antecedent basis but such amendments are not intended to narrow the scope of these claims. Since no other claims remain, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that issues remain outstanding, he is respectfully requested to contact applicants' undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issues and advance the case to issue.

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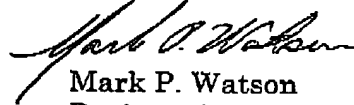
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Note

Applicants submitted an IDS that was received by the Patent Office on November 22, 2004 and another IDS that was received by the Patent Office on February 3, 2005, as indicated on the PAIR page attached. It is respectfully requested that these IDSs be acknowledged in the next office action.

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